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The First Convocation of the University of Alberta



A striking feature in connection with the Provincial University at Strathearn was the interest manifested by graduates of older institutions, whose homes are now in Alberta, and who constitute the first convocation. The above group, unfortunately does not include all those who were present, a large number on each end being out of focus. In the front row are those who took a prominent part in the opening exercises and some of the members of the Senate. Reading from left to right are: Dr. Riddell, President Torry, Chief Justice Sifton, Mr. Justice Beck, Vice-Chancellor of the University, Mr. Justice Stuart, the Chancellor, His Honor Lieutenant Governor Bulyea, Hon. Dr. Rutherford, Premier and Minister of Education, Dr. W. D. Ferris, Mr. P. J. Nolan, K.C., and Mr. J. A. McGeig. Directly behind Dr. Torry is Mayor McDougall, who is honorary secretary of the University.

NOTE AND COMMENT

We cannot look for any important measure of tariff reduction in Canada till the United States makes some move in that direction. The principal problem of the low tariff men under existing conditions is to resist the agitation which are started to increase the consumer's burdens. But if fiscal reformers accomplish something in the country to the south, it is bound to have a very far-reaching effect in the Dominion.

That the low-tariff movement is becoming stronger each year across the border is evident to the most casual observer. During the past few weeks a powerful impetus has been given it by some opinions expressed by a man, who owes his great fortune in a large measure, to the privileges accorded him under the high protective system. Writing in the Century Magazine Mr. Andrew Carnegie advocates the complete abolition of the duties on steel and oil, and the gradual adoption of a general policy of tariff for revenue. The ridiculousness of continuing tariff aid to infant industries long after they have ceased to answer that description he exposes in a manner to delight the heart of the most ardent free-trader.

Mr. Charles F. Adams, a prominent figure in the railway and industrial world, follows up Mr. Carnegie's utterance with a slashing attack on the protective system. Those who receive favors from it he describes as either tariff hogs or tariff thieves. He puts himself in the latter class. He has received large benefits from high duties at the expense of the consumer, though he has never been a suppliant for them and believes that they are opposed to the general interests.

Of the economic advantages to Canada of free trade with the United States, we do not see how here can be any question. When the issue was to the fore in Canadian politics, the strongest opposition to closer trade relations with the republic was based on the belief that they would lead to political union. Whether such fears were justified or not in the early nineties is a question on which there may

reasonably be much diversity of opinion. But times have changed since then. Canadian and Imperial spirit is now too strong to allow of the possibility of any such results. As an evidence of the altered conditions under which we now face these trade problems, it is only necessary to quote from an article which appeared not long ago in the Toronto World, than which there was no stronger opponent of the "Unrestricted Reciprocity" campaign by which the Liberals sought to carry the general election of 1891.

"The World," it says, "is not of those that view the development of intercontinental commerce as likely in any degree to affect the existing political relationship. Time was when Canada's dependence on the United States, had it been maintained and encouraged, might have led to closer union. But a change, radical and vast, has come to pass in the Canadian outlook. So many and so difficult have been the problems solved in the conquest of the Dominion in orderly organization and in the ascertainment and development of its resources that its people are no longer dubious over their power to create a great and prosperous, free and separate nation, or less resolved to co-operate in voluntary co-partnership with the other self-governing communities under the British flag. The sentiment of nationality once aroused is not easily killed and there is much in the internal situation of the United States to make a country, such as Canada has now become, hesitate about losing its identity and entering into a union under a constitution, the dead hands of whose makers control the living citizens of the twentieth century, and the altered circumstances it has brought."

It is a long while since there has been a more significant newspaper utterance than this. It means that when we do begin once again to discuss the question of American trade relations, we shall do so on economic grounds pure and simple.

The Dominion elections in all the constituencies of Alberta, with the exception of Victoria have been protested. That anything will come of the proceedings is extremely doubtful. Both parties have had enough fighting and a saw-off of the three Liberals against the three Conservative seats is practically inevitable. It might just as well have been arranged without going through any legal procedure. A great deal of virtuous indignation is expressed from time to time against the iniquitous "saw-off" system. Is it altogether reasonable?

The party managers are not engaged in a campaign for public purity. They do not protest an election to punish those who indulge in corrupt practices but simply with the object of improving the position of their party. If an exposure for sake of an exposure is to be made, it is surely too much to expect them to assume the responsibility of putting the machinery of the law in motion. They are no more in duty bound to do so than ordinary citizens.

At a time when municipal problems are uppermost in Canadian cities, it is of considerable interest to glance at existing conditions in a great American centre, that has attracted unusual attention during the past two or three years. We refer to San Francisco. When we learn the truth regarding its unhappy state, we have very great reason to feel thankful that, while civic government on this side of the border is in many respects far from what it should be, no Canadian city has yet had to face such a situation as that which confronts the people of the Californian metropolis. We see despatches from time to time in the newspapers regarding the progress which is being made in the campaign of rooting out the gang of grafters which has infested the city. But it is only when such sensational events as the shooting of Heney and the drowning of the chief of police take place that much information is given. This is a result, we understand, of an organized effort being made to keep such news from getting outside the limits of San Francisco.

For this reason an article which appeared in a recent edition of the New York Sun, in which many particulars are given as to the progress of the great struggle, related by a San Francisco visitor of prominence to the East has been given considerable notice.

The shooting of Heney brought to a focus all of the conflicting forces that have torn San Francisco into two great hostile camps. Interest in the prosecution, which has been necessarily long drawn out and only partially successful because of the tremendous influence behind some of the big men who are resting under indictment, was instantly revived. When Heney comes back to San Francisco to make the closing address to the jury now trying Ruef on the charge of extortion it will be war to the finish.

One incident in connection with the attempt to kill Heney, significant in itself of the dissension that has torn the city, was the necessity forced upon the Examiner, Mr. Hearst's paper, of protecting its offices against the expected attack of a mob. One hundred and fifty special policemen guarded the Examiner's editorial offices and press rooms on the night that Heney was shot, and for several days following that event the guard maintained its position on Hearst's property.

It appears that for many months the Examiner had been baiting Heney editorially and in its news columns. The paper had taken up the defence of those whom Heney was attempting to land in prison unreservedly, being followed in its enthusiasm by M. H. De Young's Chronicle as a close second. By cartoon and editorial Hearst's organ had sought to belittle the special prosecutor and to put obstacles in his path.

Before election when Hearst and Hiscgen toured California on behalf of the Independence League ticket Hearst addressed a mass meeting one night and in answer to a question from the audience as to why it was that he opposed Heney in San Francisco Hearst launched into a tirade against the prosecutor. He had not gone far when he was hissed. The hisses grew into yells of disapproval and Heney was unable to finish his speech.

The morning after Heney was shot, the Call, owned by members of the Spreckles family and supporting Rudolph Spreckles and Heney, printed a half page cartoon, drawn after the style of the Hearst political cartoons, which depicted Haas, as a creature of Hearst, shooting Heney in the back while the graft trust, personified by the usual Hearst humorous giant, laughed inordinately. The Call directly charged Heney with being the instigator of such violence as that done by Haas.

The night that a mass meeting was held, a few days after Heney had been shot, a more sullen crowd than had gathered in San Francisco since the days of the Vigilantes; listened to speeches and after the meeting started to walk down to the Examiner office to wreck it and to catch the editors of the paper. Cooler heads prevented an attack upon the guarded newspaper office.

The newspapers represent the division that extends throughout the entire business and social life of the city. The Call, the Spreckles

paper, and the evening Bulletin, edited by Fremont Older, one of the staunchest supporters of Heney and Rudolph Spreckles, are the two organs behind the prosecution. The Examiner, the Chronicle and the Argonaut, the latter a weekly paper of more than local fame, are bitter against all attempt to probe further into the system over which Ruef and ex-Mayor Schmitz once presided. Reporters of the contending papers have done detective work for their respective editors and for against the prosecution. One paper sent a reporter half way across the continent not long ago on the track of a man who was suspected of having blown up the house of ex-Supervisor Gallagher, who "peached" on Ruef. Reporters have had fist fights with detectives hired by the prosecution and with the counter array of sleuths hired by the united rail roads and at the disposal of the defence.

The town is flooded with detectives. Burns, the head of Heney's ferretting force, has over a hundred men under him. Not a tradesman is examined as to his qualifications for serving as a jurymen but that one of Burns's men has dug into his past as far as the limit of possibility and no matter where the trail may lead. Very often it happens that one of Burns's men finds himself followed by a detective from the other camp, and this individual in turn is the subject of espionage on the part of another Burns man. A newspaper man from out of town took a job on one of the San Francisco papers not long ago and was put on the story of the graft prosecution. He was followed for two days by two detectives; they wanted to know what he was doing.

So careful has the prosecution been in the selection of jurors in the present trial of Ruef that the longest list of tradesmen in the history of American jurisprudence, over 1,400, was gone over before twelve men who could be trusted were found. Haas, the attempted slayer of Heney, had got his sent on this jury when Heney discovered that he had once been sent to prison for embezzlement. Another juror told the judge in open court that an attempt had been made to bribe him; he named the attorneys who did it and Burns's men traced down the bribe, a check signed with Ruef's name.

Far beyond the court room the bitter struggle extends. In the

clubs men are blackballed because they are known to have marked sentiments for or against the prosecution. Men have resigned from other clubs because they knew the president or members of the house committee to be favorable to the defence.

So far has the strife of which Heney is the centre gone that society is feeling its effects. Leaders in the various social sets about the city have been scratching names off their invitation lists because of the known affiliation of these women's husbands with one or other of the party. Women's clubs have forgotten child labor and the uplifting of the heathen in internecine warfare. One or two of dictators in the social whirl have been disposed because of their partisanship in this or that camp.

With the lines thus drawn and the issue intense Heney is rapidly recovering from his wound in the home of a friend at Miramar, in Southern California. He says that if he has to be carried into court in a chair he will address the jury that is to decide whether or not Ruef shall at last be given a prison sentence.

All in all, the situation is one which reminds one more of the feuds that raged in the middle ages in petty Italian cities than of municipal government, as we would expect to have it carried on in the twentieth century.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

The committee having in charge the arrangements for the second musical festival of Alberta have commenced their work in good time and there is every reason to believe that their efforts will be crowned with great success next May. The representation at this year's competition was excellent considering that it was the first occasion on which anything of the kind had been attempted, while the talent which was brought out and the very large audience which assembled in the Thistle Rink on the final evening of the festival more than vindicated the courage and faith in the public displayed by those who launched the undertaking. While towns like Wetaskiwin, Red Deer, Crossfield, Continued on page 4

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Sad news, bad news comes o'er
the boundary line. R. E. Borden is
a Jonah! He and Mr. Perley, one of
his Quebec supporters, had a chance
to beat Bill Taft and a Senator from
Oregon at golf and fell down on two
successive days. What the defeat of
the Wanderers in the Stanley Cup
games at the end of this month
would mean to Edmonton would be a
victory over the president-elect and
his playing mate have been to Cana-
da. Beside this downfall, that
sustained by the Conservative leader
on Oct. 20th last will rank as a small
matter, provided he is a real golf
enthusiast. How little anything
but what is happening on the links
counts to a man to whom this
description applies is a psychological
fact which at this late date
needs not to be explained. In a
little booklet of verse which Mr. W.
Hastings Webbling of Brantford,
Ontario, has just issued, devoted to
the royal game, he describes this
startling phenomenon in the follow-
ing:

I met old Duffon on the links
His face all wreathed in smiles
Which really seems remarkable,
Considering his trials.
His wife eloped the other day
And gaily started off;
Saying that she would like to be
Preferred to silly golf.

And then old Duffon's lost a pile
In stocks that cost him dear;
He must have dropped a "hundred
thou."

But didn't drop a tear.
He seems so philosophical,
That nothing causes pain.
Except when he gets "bunkered" or
Old Duff gets off his game.

It's only just the other day
His confidential man
Skipped off, with quite a tidy sum,
To spend with Uncle Sam;
But strange to say, old Duffon
bounced.

That night delightfully,
Because he'd made the punch
"howl" in

A most surprising "three!"
And now the bank in which he stored
The balance of his cash
Has tried a stunt in high finance

And come an awful crash,
The shocking news disturbs him
not
He scorns the hand of fate;
For Duffon's just won out his
match
And made a "ninety-eight."

Those who are interested in the
Tommy Burns-Jack Johnston bout
on December 26, should keep their
eye out for that particular brand
of sport who likes to bet on a sure
thing. The fight is down to begin
at 11 a.m. on Dec. 26 at Sydney,
Australia. This will be 6 p.m. on
Christmas night in Edmonton, so
that it will be possible to know the
result of the fight before the fight
comes off, which is a source of con-
siderable danger to the unwary.

Prize-fights in another part of the
world offer an unusual opportunity
for sharp work. I know one man
who pulled off a ten to one bet on
John L. Sullivan when he met
Charlie Mitchell and disposed of him
in three rounds. The money was not
up a quarter of an hour after the
fight was decided and the winner
knew the result when he made the
offer.

In something the same way a well-
known actor, who is now playing in
Edmonton, lost \$50 on the Corbett-
Sharkey fight ten years ago, while
playing in an Ontario town. The
telegraph operator got a flash mes-
sage, in the middle of the report
of the fight by rounds, which simply
said "Corbett wins. He is called a
friend aside and while he went on
with the connected story, that he
young blood made wagers all over

To The Electors of the City of Edmonton

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the request of a large number
of ratepayers, I have decided to
offer myself for re-election as an
Alderman of the city. It is admitted
by everybody concerned that the
present year's council has been a
good one, has done first-class work
and has given adequate satisfaction.
I have served as an Alderman dur-
ing the last two years and my past
record is my recommendation to
your suffrages.

Our city has grown to a state of
maturity, full of responsibilities,
and more than ever requires
for the proper administration of its
affairs, a policy of industry, energy
and enterprise. I stand for an
Edmonton united, for our boundaries
within our own boundaries. East
and West we are all one municipal-
ity having common interests and
common aims. In the future as in
the past I shall advocate the insert-
ing of a fair wage clause in every
municipal contract, the protection
of our own people; justice for all
and privileges for none.

of same. Larger ground should
be secured and the most modern
methods adopted.

Respecting the C.P.R. high level
bridge, I believe that the time has
now come when the question of its
construction should be finally set-
tled. It is a matter of common
knowledge that in the month of
May, 1905, the Company registered
in our Land Titles Office, a certain
plan, showing a right of way running
from the Saskatchewan River to
MacKenzie Avenue, through blocks
3 and 10, in the Hudson's Bay Re-
serve. This presumably provided
the desired entrance into the city
over the proposed bridge. The plan
now stands as an encumbrance
against the lands included in the
said blocks. I would favor steps
being taken by our city council in
order to find out what the C.P.R.
intends to do. Unless the Company
is in a position to give us the assur-
ance that it will within a definite
time build the proposed bridge or
use the said lands for railway pur-
poses, the city should request the



ALD. WILFRED GARIEPY

Who is standing for re-election in the present Edmonton
municipal contest

I believe that steps should be
taken at the earliest possible moment
to secure the filtration of our water
supply. The extension of our street
railway, the erection of a market,
the providing of public parks, the
re-modeling of our fire limit and
building by-law, the re-organization
of our Police Department are some
of the measures which I am pre-
pared to strongly support.

Street paving, or grading and side-
walk construction should be done
as soon as people interested therein
petition for these improvements,
provided that the municipal finances
warrant the outlay. Our policy
should be one of wise expenditure
and reasonable economy.

In view of the fact that Edmonton
may within a few years have the
privilege of being selected as the
place where a Dominion Exhibition
will be held, I shall advocate the
appointment of a permanent official
who will supervise the affairs of our
city exhibitions and act as secretary

to the room, offering odds on Corbett.
He cleaned up a lot of money. A
few years afterwards he confided to
me how he had done it.

Now, don't think from this that
the sporting editor has gotten in a
to the Lounger sanctum. The simple
fact is that the S.E. doesn't believe
in prize-fighting, so I don't feel that
I am invading his territory.

The Winnipeg Free Press publishes
the cut of a white-whiskered old
gentleman with sunken eyes and
venerable mien generally, which it
labels Charles M. Hays, president of
the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.
When he first came to Edmonton and
told us his road would be here in a
few months; Mr. Hays was a brisk,
well-preserved man in early middle
age. And see the change that has
come over him in the meanwhile.
When the officials look at that grey-
bearded president, it should stir
them up to get a move on. It would
be a pity to have him applying for a
Carnegie pension before he is able
to take part in the grand whoop-up
that Edmonton has been promising
itself when he enters the city limits
on his own line.

Will some person please elucidate
for me this joke about the weather
coming from Medicine Hat. If it
does, why doesn't Foster come up
and make his headquarters? Most
people seem to think that he
manufactures the weather in his
office at Winnipeg.

As a pleasant-faced woman passed
the corner Smith touched his hat to
her and remarked to his companion:
"Ah, my boy, I owe a great deal
to that woman."
"Your mother," was the query.
"No, my landlady."

"I canna get over it," a Scotch
farmer remarked to his wife. "I
put a twa shillin' piece in the plate
at Kirk's morn instead o' ma
penny."

The headle had noticed the mis-
take.

The old farmer sat in silence and
said nothing. The old headle
allowed him to miss the plate for
twenty-four consecutive Sundays.

On the twenty-fifth the farmer
again ignored the collection plate,
but the old headle strolled the
lady in front of him and in a loud,
tragic whisper, said hoarsely:
"Your time's up now, Sandy!"

Skipper (to new deck hand, who
had never been to sea before): Let
go that, for'd rope.

Deck hand makes no sign.
Skipper: Let go that rope, I say.
Deck hand is still motionless.

Skipper (purple with rage): Why
don't you let go that for'd rope,
ye swab?

Deck Hand (in aggrieved tone):
Who's touchin' year rope? I ain't.—
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PERSONALIA

"The Woman About Town." In Winnipeg Town Topics contributes a most interesting sketch of a British officer, who was a notable figure in the vicinity of Rat Portage and was known to many in Alberta. General Sir Henry Wilkinson. She writes:

"The death of this brave 'soldier of the Queen,' will bring regret to many in the Canadian West. Some 18 or 20 years ago the General was farming up at Birtle. He was a man of large means and he spent his money freely. Of course he made some funny mistakes and was somewhat slow to grasp the fact that a farm in the Canadian West and a military camp could not be run upon exactly similar lines. Many a hearty laugh some of his neighbors had over his attempt to feed horses on cavalry rations when they were doing spring ploughing, but though his neighbors laughed over his mistakes of this kind, they learned to have a very genuine respect for the man, whose word was as good as his bond, and who, in spite of many foolish theories, had much sound common sense to his credit. He was one of the very first men to join forces with the late Richard Waugh and S. A. Redford on the question of the need for eradicating noxious weeds.

Many years ago he left the farming enterprise and devoted himself to the development of gold mining in the Lake of the Woods country, with varying success; but to the last hour of his life he was faithful in the future greatness of that district as a gold mining camp.

His experience with the horses had not served to wholly disabuse him of the value of military system in commercial enterprises, and I well remember the perturbation of his mine manager when the General wanted to introduce the scheme of weighing the miners' rations as they weigh those of soldiers. The manager was a big powerful Anglo-Saxon who had had extensive mining experience on the land and had contended with many difficulties, but the weighing of rations for 150 miners, many of them Cornishmen (the most difficult of miners to deal with), was too much for him, and as I happened to be a visitor in camp at the moment he poured out his woes to me. He went over what it would mean daily in the way of work, and demanded in tragic tones how he could be expected to

weigh out decimal 5 of pepper to each man every day. It seems that the bulk weight of pepper allowed for daily consumption would have to work out to that sum. It was too much for me, and I laughed until the rafters of the log camp rang. The funny side then struck the manager and we laughed together. He wrote an explanatory letter to the General and the trouble was over for that time.

But though the General was tiresomely fussy about such things, in the main he was a joy for any manager to work with in a camp, where health was the first essential and the means of preserving it very crude and inadequate; for the General was strong on sanitation and spared neither trouble nor expense in seeing that the camp and buildings were as healthy and convenient as they could be made. Not only this, but he was concerned for the spiritual needs of the men and when he found that he could not persuade any clergyman to go out regularly to the camp to hold services, he made a point of holding a service and reading prayers whenever he was in camp himself. It was a sight not soon forgotten, his small, slight, but intensely military figure standing erect at the end of a long rough table in the grubcamp, with a large open prayer book before him reading the lessons, while the rough miners sat about in easy attitudes. Slowly but surely they assumed attitudes as reverent and devout as his own.

In the death of General Sir Henry Wilkinson Canada has suffered the loss of a true patriot soldier and gentleman."

Reputations pass away a great deal more easily than they are acquired. To how many present-day Canadians is the name of Amor de Cosmos known? Some may recall that he made the longest speech on record in a Canadian legislative assembly, others that de Cosmos wasn't really his name, but as for the genuine services which he rendered to British Columbia, they are mostly forgotten. It is for the purpose of recalling them that Hon. D. W. Higgins contributed an article recently to the Victoria Colonist. Mr. Higgins met Mr. de Cosmos on the boat on which the two of them arrived in British Columbia for the first time in 1858. "While by no means an eloquent man," writes Mr. Higgins, "he was forceful and convincing. He no more rose to the sublime height of Tom Humphreys. He could not enthrall an audience as Tom Robson did. He did not possess the subtle ability of Theodore Tilton. But he was ever in earnest. His facts were

facts, not illusions, and he was seldom shown to be wrong. At times his conclusions were unhappy, but his statement of facts remained unchallenged to the end. The worst thing that his opponents could say about him was that he changed his name from Wm. A. Smith to Amor de Cosmos. This was done by the authority of an act of the California legislature and without a sinister object. He was an eccentric and the change of name was a symptom of his peculiarity.

"When, in 1857, the eastern colonies were confederated, Mr. de Cosmos took a leading part in the movement that eventuated in the inclusion of British Columbia in confederation. He fought against great odds. There were, first, the official element who were strongly opposed to the scheme and wished to preserve the Crown Colony form of government and their positions, and next the people had to be educated up to a standpoint where they would see and understand that union with Canada was the best possible thing for British Columbia. It was a hard, uphill fight. Often some of the friends of the union fell back discouraged or disposed to yield to the pressure of the adverse element. But the subject of this sketch stood to his guns. He never wavered an inch, but fired broadside after broadside into the ranks of the opponents of confederation. When, after years of toil and detraction, the terms of union were about to be agreed upon between the two governments, it was found, to the dismay and alarm of the friends of constitutional government, that no provision had been made for the institution of a system of responsible government. The popular indignation was great. Mr. de Cosmos had fought long and ably for that form of government only to lose it at last. In the midst of the popular excitement I despatched, at my own expense, a Colonist representative to Ottawa where he informed the government that, unless responsible government was conceded, that paper, then the leader of public opinion on the British Pacific, would oppose the passage of the terms. Sir John Macdonald's government conceded the point and when British Columbia entered the Confederation she entered it with the full measure of political liberty which she has since enjoyed."

A fact which is of not a little interest to Edmonton is that Mr. de Cosmos was an energetic advocate of the selection of Esquimalt as the western terminus of the railway guaranteed under the terms of union. Elected representative for his district at Ottawa, where he sat for three par-

liaments, he contended that the best route for the railway was through the centre of the province, by Yellowhead Pass to Bute Inlet and thence by bridge or ferry at Seymour Narrows to Esquimalt. This line, if adopted, would have made Victoria, instead of Vancouver, the chief commercial seaport on the British Pacific. At one time the Bute Inlet route was adopted and Esquimalt was selected as the terminus. A despatch proclaiming Bute Inlet the route for the C.P.R. was ready to be sent to the government at Victoria. It passed through Sir Joseph Trutch's hands. He was then lieutenant-governor but was lost between Government House and the Government Buildings and never again saw the light of day. A legislative inquiry failed to produce any satisfactory result and to this day its disappearance remains an unexplained mystery, as I showed some months ago. There was a political trick or hold-up man somewhere on the road between Garry Castle and the Government Buildings, but this was never disclosed and must have died with him."

The Winnipeg Free Press says editorially: "Ninety-six years ago last August there landed on the banks of the Red River a little band of Scotch Highlanders, the vanguard of the Selkirk settlers. Other shiploads followed during the next few years. Many explorers, missionaries, hunters and adventurers had entered the country before them, but these were the earliest settlers, the very first white men that came to what is now Western Canada to establish homes, to possess the land and till the soil. The death in Toronto on Monday last of John Mackay, at the age of ninety-four, leaves one survivor of the original Selkirk settlers now living. Miss Matheson, the aunt of the Archbishop. This venerable lady, who resides near St. Andrews was born on the Atlantic, during the four months' voyage of the Haddow, the ship which in 1815 brought out one of the parties of the Selkirk settlers. How important an event the founding of the Selkirk settlement was, the world is only now beginning to realize; and as years go on, the memory of those heroic pioneers will be held in even greater honor."

Miss Matheson is the great aunt of Mr. A. C. Fraser, manager of the Edmonton branch of the Merchants' Bank.

Mr. H. S. Holt of Montreal was elected president of the Royal Bank the other day. A few days before the choice was made, the Montreal correspondent of Toronto Saturday Night wrote:

"It is almost a foregone conclusion that H. S. Holt will succeed the late Thomas E. Kenny as President of the Royal Bank. Mr. Holt was at one time president of the ill-fated Sovereign Bank. Fortunately for him, however, he got out of that before its bad days, and just what caused him to resign from the Sovereign and sever his connection therewith to go over to the Royal would probably make interesting reading, but only Mr. Holt could tell the story and he is not likely to. Mr. Holt could probably be now ranked in the millionaire class, and when someone publishes a revised list of Montreal's rich men some of these days, his name will be included along with that of Van Horne, Mackay, Hosmer, Ross and all the rest. And by the way, Mr. Holt started his fortune in much the same way as did Van Horne and Ross and the others, for he, like them, was connected with the C.P.R. in its early days. Mr. Holt was years ago a contractor in a small way, and showed the lines along through the West with James Ross and the others."

The following despatch from Toronto indicates that Bishop Holmes, already well-known to Albertans, and highly esteemed by them, will return to this part of the West to take up the work in the diocese of Athabasca, from which Bishop Reeve resigned some time ago to become assistant bishop of Toronto.

"Owing to ill-health, Right Rev. Geo. Holmes, D.D., Bishop of Mooseonee, has resigned, and will accept a similar appointment in Athabasca, where the work will be somewhat lighter. He went to England in the spring to improve his health and is now feeling all right again, but the doctors will not allow him back to Mooseonee. Bishop Holmes is expected to leave England for Canada in a few weeks. Archdeacon Remson, it is said, may be appointed to the Bishopric of Mooseonee. He is a graduate of Wycliffe and has had considerable experience in western dioceses. He is also at present in England."

Vladimir Knazeff, a Russian newspaper man, recently arrived in Canada to inquire into the condition of Russian immigrants.

The death is announced of Mr. Richard Lindsay, a veteran Washington correspondent, which was a member of war, which Mr. Herbert Vanterhoof brought through Alberta two summers ago.

At the recent Western Canada Baptist convention in Vancouver,

Hon. Dr. Rutherford was elected president of that body for the coming year.

Dr. George H. Locke, the recently appointed public librarian of Toronto, is a son-in-law of Mr. John T. Moore, M.P.P. of Red Deer.

Mr. Alex. Norquay, for some years past a highly valued official at the Edmonton land office, has been appointed Dominion lands agent at Humboldt, Sask., and has left for his new post. The promotion is thoroughly deserved, but it is regrettable that it involves Mr. Norquay's removal from Alberta. He is a son of the late Hon. John Norquay, Premier of Manitoba, and a son-in-law of Mr. Matthew Macaulay, ex-M.P.P., warden of Alberta penitentiary.

The death occurred in Montreal recently of one of the oldest and most successful merchants of that city, Mr. Samuel Carsley, who was known to many in Victoria, B.C., he had visited his son, Cecil L. Carsley. It is the latter's intention to make his home in Montreal in the future.

The news of the sudden death of Mr. W. M. Hill, late of the Brackman-Ker Co. in Strathcona, which took place this week in Victoria, B.C., will occasion deep regret.

Mr. T. W. Bryant, for eight years homebased inspector at Calgary, has been appointed assistant agent of Dominion Lands at that point.

Mr. A. W. Ponton, the well-known surveyor of McLeod, has returned from a trip of two years' duration in the north, where he has been engaged in extending the fifth meridian. The work has now been completed a distance of 186 miles.

His Lordship Bishop Legal and Father Lacombe have returned from the recent Catholic congress at Chicago. The work done at this memorable gathering was described at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday by Father Lacombe.

A spirited contest for the Wetaskiwin majority is being waged by two widely-known citizens, Mr. W. J. McNamara and Mr. E. E. Chandler.

Mr. W. F. Graham has assumed the duties of manager of the branch of the Union Bank at Lacombe, the post vacated by the removal of Mr. E. K. Strachy to Prince Rupert.

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J. H. McKINLEY.
Edmonton, Dec. 1, 1908.

Music and Drama.

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Daysland and others had their entries and carried off a very fair share of the prizes, it was inevitable that the bulk of the competitors came from Edmonton. Next year there is every reason to believe that this will not prove the case and that the festival will prove thoroughly provincial in its scope. All who are interested in the cause of good music should without delay secure a copy of the folder, that has just been issued, giving full particulars. The competitions are as follows: for choirs in general, choirs of not more than twelve, female choruses of not less than twelve voices, ladies' trios, male choruses of not less than twelve voices, male quartettes, soprano, contralto, tenor, baritone and bass soloists, pianists under 16 and brass and military bands.

The general choir competition is for the Lieutenant-Governor's shield, won last year by All Saints' Church, Edmonton. A special prize of \$15 is given to the leader of the winning choir. For the small choirs, the Oliver Shield is offered. The Rutherglen Shield is for female choruses, and the McDougall shield for male choruses. In these three last-mentioned competitions a prize of \$10 is given the winning leader. The winners of the ladies' trios and male quartettes receive silver medals and the winning vocal and instrumental soloists silver medals.

For bands there is a cash prize of \$50, but three entries are required for this competition to be held.

The selections for the vocal competitions are of very great interest. Sopranos must be prepared to sing "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," and "A May Morning;" contraltos, "But the Lord is Mindful of His Obedient," and "Hushen;" tenors, "My Hope is in the Everlasting," and "Come into the Garden, Maud;" baritones, "Rolling in the Foaming Billows," and "The Yeoman's Wedding Song;" and basses, "She Alone Charmeth my Sadness," and "The Armorer's Song."

All these selections are admirable and the committee is to be congratulated upon them.

Mr. Vernon Harford is secretary of the committee and Mr. T. H. Griffiths, box 1567, Edmonton, secretary-treasurer.

The concert at the Edmonton Opera House on Monday night under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, should be one of the musical events of the season. The presence of Miss Jessie Potter, soprano, and Miss Constance Buck, contralto, on any programme would make it attractive, while the others who will participate are all certain to contribute to the pleasure of the evening. The complete program appears in another column.

A loyal Britisher, who was very much interested in what I had to say in this department last week about the "Respect shown by audiences, when the National Anthem is sung, informs me that his patriotic blood was stirred when attending one of the Edmonton theatres the other night. A girl came out and sang some doggerel about "The good old United States," which he was surprised to hear applauded as if the performance were taking place across the border. He couldn't contain himself and shouted out: "What about good old England and good old Canada?" I think he was fully justified. For the Republic to the south I have the utmost respect, but it passes the limits of decency when a house of conduct public performance as if it was that part of the Union.

At the Dominion theatre the Allen Stock company is keeping up the high standard of its work and those in attendance night after night show their appreciation in no uncertain manner. In the opinion of a great many, Miss Vera Petton was never a more striking success than in "La Belle Marie" which held the boards the first three nights of the week. The role is one for which she is well adapted in every way. Mr. Ayres, as Charles Leighton, was also seen to decided advantage. For the last three nights of the week, with Saturday matinee, the management is following its usual practice by varying the offering with a farce comedy, "Our New Girl." When the company was in Portland this proved one of the most popular plays presented. The Portland Oregonian, the criticisms of which are paid close attention to, content over, said the laughter of the audience which witnessed the performance of "Our New Girl" at the Lyric last night was the surest guarantee of the success of the latest effort of the Allen Stock Company. The patrons of that popular family theatre are exacting, too, and are not given to indiscriminate approval of an offering unless it comes up to a certain standard of excellence. Therefore the management should feel well satisfied with this week's bill "Our New Girl" is a farce, pure and simple. There is never a moment when the members of the cast are not tangled up in an excruciatingly funny series of misunderstandings, out of which they converge as the last curtain is about to fall.

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IN THE ATHLETIC WORLD



So far as the local athletic world is concerned, there is little interest being manifested in anything but the preparations for the excursion east in quest of the Stanley Cup. The Edmonton team is now complete and on paper at least looks very strong. Some of those who saw the game against Stratheona on Tuesday, when the boys from across the river were only beaten by 6-4, have had some misgivings, but it was hardly to be expected that, at the first showing and on so small a rink, the supposed world-beaters would do everything that was expected of them. Besides it must be remembered that Stratheona has some hockey players who are quite worthy of the fastest company. Young Lynn is a great find, for instance. Possibly on Friday when the two teams meet at the Thistle Rink, we may expect a change in the face of things.

Hall of Brandon and Pitre of the Montreal Shamrocks are the latest additions to the team and both have big reputations. The Montreal Herald states that Pitre's departure will leave a big hole in the Shamrock defence. He will probably play point and Hall cover point. Jimmie Gardner, the manager of the Wanderers, confided to the Herald that he thought Edmonton would send one of the finest septettes that had ever come out of the best and this statement was made before Hall and Pitre were added to Whittier's aggregation.

The Wallabies, the Australian Rugby team, which has been stirring things up in England, will pass through Alberta on their way home in February. Vancouver is arranging for a game with them. If the winter is an open one, why should not an attempt be made to let together a team from this province to play them at Calgary. It would give the game a big boost. There is nothing like travelling in fast company to bring along promising material. At last reports, the Wallabies had won nine and lost but one game in England.

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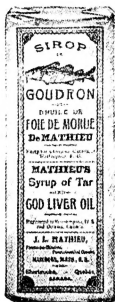
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IT IS TO LAUGH

A man leaned comfortably against the station smoking a cigarette in an easy, satisfied way as the train pulled in. His eyes were keen and steady and formed the chief characteristic that distinguished him from the other men loitering around the station. Many people left the train and after effusive greetings climbed into the stylish carriages lined up along the platform, for Edgewood is more or less a summer colony, where fine summer homes are situated, and it draws each day its quota of the wealthy from the city.

But one man, slim and swift in his movements, carrying a heavy grip, turned down the platform in front of the man with the keen eyes, looking at the other as he went by. One watching them would have supposed they had never seen each other before, but as a matter of fact they were the best of friends, and moreover they were specialists and past masters in their line of business—two of the cleverest burglars in that profession. Their presence at Edgewood meant that things were to be interesting for a certain wealthy home some dark night.

A little later he with the keen eyes was sitting in an easy chair in the office of the hotel smoking serenely, when the slim fellow drifting over in a casual way sat down a short distance from the other and lit his cigar. It refused to burn, apparently, and he stepped over to ask for a light, which the keen eyed man was more than willing to give him. They entered into conversation. It was all done neatly, and no one in the office if they had happened to be looking would have surmised anything other than that they were strangers.

On the keen-eyed man's suggestion they stepped out on the wide rambling porch for a quiet smoke, where the air was better. In the place where they were seated they could command a view on all sides, and in an easy, casual tone, after a slow, careless, but searching glance around, the man with the keen eyes began the conversation.

"We can talk it over here. How are things? Got all the tools up here?"

"You bet," he replied, "all my end's in ship-shape. How's yours?" The other laughed his soft, snickering laugh, as if heartily pleased at some thought. "Well, it is a laugh, Shep; I never had a better or an easier time, and I've worked it to perfection. And, say—there's a romance, a love story with me as hero, worked into it—oh, but it's great!"

"Here's the way of it," Blink went on. "The day I struck here I looked over the situation—Shep, you've got to admit I've brains; and my looks have stood me in good stead. That night I heard of a dance the domestics of the rich blokes hereabouts was to give."

"I shimmies up to a young German here in the hotel, Wachter by name, tells him what a good boy am I and he takes me up to the dance. I gets in right off up to my neck. They were a pretty good looking lot of girls; and I started off with the prettiest I could land; it was easy going with her and I works round, asking questions, you know, until I spots a girl that works in the house up at old Steadman's, the place we're to look over. I says to myself, 'Blink, old boy, put on your goo-goo eyes and shine up to her.'"

"She's a German, rosy and red and plump as a doll; and it wasn't hard work making love to her. I sails in for work making love all I was worth. I have a way with the women. I've found that always takes, and though it was kind a hard starting I had things coming my way in no time. Whenever I got a chance I took her out on the porch; and—Oh! I worked the game for fair."

"She began to give me answering looks out of her big blue eyes and things were going along smooth and slick when in butts that little Dutchman that took me up and he then things were doing—she was his girl! He begins to grab at my neck and she wavered a bit but I had a good grip on her and she stood by me and give him the tea. He dropped off looking like as if he'd been kicked. She seemed kind a sorry, and I sailed in all the harder to cheer her up! I more than made good the Dutchman didn't count. I had on my gird rags and plenty of dash; and I'm thinkin' I could have picked out my girl in the bunch—easy."

Blink lit his cigar and tipped the match away in a confident satisfied manner.

"Well, Shep, I saw mein frauin home—took her clear up to the back steps of the house and I had my peepers open! I got the lay of the land, I bid her good-by—not very affectionate, but I was satisfied, for she told me I could come up the next night."

"On my way home the Dutchman pops up and threatens to lay me out, so I brained his face a little sorry to do it, but he tackled the wrong rooster. I'm a pretty good hand with my fists and he hasn't dared to show his mug round since."

"I went up the next night, took me right in and I stayed so blooming late that when I came out they had the watchmen placed, and by jingo! I located every one and their beats. It was easy—dead easy. Steadman's place covers a pile of ground and it's

right among a lot of trees, and a mile or more away from the nearest house."

"I've gone put every night since, and I've got the place down fine; besides, I've had a lot of sport making love to Marie—bet, could pop the question now, and she'd tumble, but no Dutch girl for me. They're too thick up here in the attic. But thanks to her, we are all fixed to do the job."

Blink struck another match. "It's a fine evening, Shep, and to-night we can turn the trick. There's nothing going on up there; they had big dances last night and I kept Marie up later than usual. After midnight we'll go up—and talk about house, that place is full of it, and the house is big and roomy as a barn. Shep, my boy, take a little brains, some good luck and a way with the women, and a man is to the good, eh?"

"You bet," Shep agreed heartily.

The great country house of Senator Steadman seemed dark and sombre in the night; around it the big trees threw whirling, fantastic shadows twining all into one vast mass of confusion. With a quick, easy tread the watchman passed on his beat among the trees far to the other end; two dark, shadowy figures slipped by, and, creeping and half running, they rested a moment close to the foundation of the building in the friendly darkness. Two grim faces peered at each other in mute consultation; then keeping close to the building, Blink leading the way, they drew near to the back of the house. There a slight noise in the shabby old-fashioned front into rigid statues of the night and a loath oath escaped one as a cart scamped away into the darkness. Near the stoop Blink turned and felt a moment, then he touched the other. The cellar window was out and softly, with the tread of a kitten, they slipped down into the cool confines of the cellar.

The sweet odor of preserves and wines came to their nostrils, Blink started forward and Shep, as usual followed. With the sure ease that comes from knowledge Blink led on, up the stairs into the kitchen, heavy with the smells of cooking, into the butler's room, into the diningroom.

There they paused and listened long and carefully in the darkness, each ear strained to the utmost to catch the slightest sound, every nerve and instant strung to its utmost power to feel the presence of a hidden watching person, but all was silent and still as a sepulchre. Blink had done his work well.

From his hand a soft light flashed for the brief space of a second, laying bare the interior and the costly silver on the sideboard. They went to work, each with the ease, the sureness and care of long practice and unbroken success.

From the dining room they stole into the library. Blink knelt before a desk, worked a moment, and the drawer opened. Under the soft, flushing light from Blink's hand they bent over eagerly, intently.

Quick and sharp came a snapping sound. The room shot to the brilliancy of day, each electric globe blazing to the full.

With a stifled curse Blink sprang up, revolver in hand; Shep crouched to the floor. In each of the two doors, barring the flight, stood two quiet men, with leveled revolvers held in steady hands that gripped them familiarly; on each breast showed the royal arm badge; behind them peered other faces.

"Shep, the jig's up," Blink said quietly after one swift glance. As the handcuffs were slipped on and looked over the officer's shoulders with a quick start of surprise. The little "Dutchman," with his bruised face, stood there, and close to him Marie.

The German crowded forward, pent-up anger hissing in his voice. "Yah, Marie and I fix you—see? You talk on the porch together, you was safe all round, but you forget, mein friend, that underneath the porch there is a open cellar where I clean bottles, and I hear all—see? I come here and I tell Marie, and Marie—she fix it. Ah! She fix you!"

An automobile had chugged up the gravel road. A man hurried in an authoritative way. He stopped as he saw them. "Well, so you've got them, boys. Good!" he stared at Shep and Blink. "By the great say," he turned around, "you fellows—some one of you is lucky. There is a reward of \$2,000 for these fellows."

Senator Steadman smiled across at Marie. "Marie," he said, "that'll make you and Fritz a good deal, eh?"

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A Stirring Event of the Early Albertan Days.

The following account of a daring escape from the police, which occurred in the early days, is from the pen of Mrs. R. J. McClelland, of Rexboro, Alta., and appeared in the Lacombe Globe. The affair took place just across the river from where Mr. Ed. Barnett's new residence in Lacombe now stands, on the Edmonton trail. The old stopping place was destroyed by fire two years ago. The two desperadoes were well known by all old timers of Alberta.

"In looking back over the events of the early eighties, I remember well on one fine morning a sergeant and a private of the N.W.M.P., from Fort Saskatchewan, called at the old Red Deer barracks and made inquiries respecting two desperate outlaws known as 'Gallagher' and 'Cracker Box,' who had broken jail and escaped, and were thought to be making for the international border line. The policemen on being informed that a large freighting outfit had gone south that morning, decided to follow it on the chance that the men they were pursuing had availed themselves of this opportunity to get safely and silently away. After bargaining fresh horses from my husband, they took up the trail northward, and, nearing the Lone Pine stopping place, espied the freighting outfit encamped for the night. The police decided to reconnoitre a little before making a descent upon the outfit, and from information picked up had every reason to believe their quarry was in hiding in one of the wagons. Silently and carefully they approached one of the wagons, and discovered the fugitives smuggled away under a cart cover. A fierce struggle then ensued, but the police finally succeeded in placing the handcuffs on the much wanted desperadoes, and escorted them back as far as Barnett's stopping place, at Lacombe, where arrangements were made to put up for the night. All went well until breakfast time the next morning. While at the breakfast table, the policemen who had set one of each of the prisoner's hands at liberty to allow them to eat, were surprised by Gallagher, who in some unaccountable manner had become possessor of the police revolvers and opened fire, one of the bullets grazing the sergeant's temple stunning him. The desperadoes then covered Ed. Barnett and the private with the stolen weapons, and compelled the former to assist in placing the handcuffs on the wrists of the policemen. Gallagher and 'Cracker Box' then made a break for the stables, saddled the policemen's horses, and galloped back over the southern trail, crossing the Red Deer river at the Mackenzie mill, then vanished completely from the scene of their pursuers and the authorities. The whereabouts of these desperate characters was never discovered, and the incident had passed from the writer's mind until it was suddenly recalled some five years later by a report which came to us that both Gallagher and 'Cracker Box' had been shot and killed in a bar-room fight in B.C."

"Town and Trail"

Some flattering press references to an Albertan woman's work.

Mr. Henry Doby of Beaver Lake in Westville Observer:

"In London, Paris or New York, the advent of a new book, even in very rare instances, is not a notable event; the difficulty there is to keep track of all that appears and separate the grain from the chaff. With us it is somewhat different. In a new country, given over to the exigencies of material development, native literary talent is of slow growth; it is and will long remain a rare and cherished article; and the publication of a book written in our midst, well deserves to fix our attention. This is especially true when it is a book which, apart from all other considerations, has an intrinsic merit and interest of its own, a book that will take wings and go forth into the great world to hold its own against all comers. Such is 'Town and Trail,' by Mrs. Gertrude Balmor Watt, now fresh from the press of the Edmonton News Publishing Co. As the happily chosen title implies, this book gives a series of sketches, taken from life and nature, of our own Province of Alberta; they are very good sketches, written with a pleasing diversity of style, for Mrs. Watt's style is versatile and she is as much at home with politics or philosophy as in humorous descriptions and anecdotes of the wild and woolly West. The names of the characters are suggestive: The Lure of the Trail, Street Scenes, Canada and Britain, The Man who Makes Good, The Mary Jane Problem, The Cong Westerners, The Gateway of Opportunity, etc., etc. I resist the temptation to give extracts from these chapters, because the book is so little space, and the side of its advertisements, and Brother Horton would feel aggrieved if I took up more than half the

paper; so I refer you all to the book itself which you will surely read and from which you will retain a very pleasing impression. The dominant note in it is patriotism; patriotism of the West grafted on wholesome stock of Canadian born patriotism. Not long ago I defined patriotism in this column as an agreement between all the people of our country to think themselves a whole lot better than the people of any other country; of course Mrs. Watt is far too intelligent for this kind of patriotism, but there is just enough of it in the book to make it very attractive to those who do think so; for she evidently holds the opinion that everything Western, whether man, beast or plot of ground, is the best ever; and I doubt this is the proper frame of mind for one who is right in the swim with those who are breathing the tide.

"Youth at the prow and Purpose at the helm."

"Town and Trail" has nothing whatever in common with official immigration literature; it is totally different and immeasurably superior, but just the same, if I were at the head of the immigration bureau I would order ten thousand copies of it and send them the world over; and though the form Mrs. Watt gives to her ideas is quite literary, yet there is nothing flowery or that everybody cannot readily understand and appreciate. "She seeks to tease not torture" rhymes.

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(Lloydminster Times).

We received a well-gotten-up little brochure the other day, from the News Publishing Company, of Edmonton, entitled "Town and Trail," that we have pleasure in recommending to the notice of our readers. That gifted writer, Gertrude Balmor Watt, is the authoress, and her breezy, bright, piquant and quaint chats have delighted us, especially when she talks "Headcorn" and "Lovely Kent." We congratulate writer, printer and publisher.

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MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Edmonton is committed to this principle and as the city has a monopoly of all our public utilities it must necessarily supply all reasonable demands.

STREET PAVING.

In these the city has assets that will become very valuable. To make the enterprise pay from the start will require very careful business management. If the street railway can be extended into well settled parts of the country it will do very much towards making Edmonton a strong retail centre. I believe that this can be done by a feasible plan without adding to the city's financial burdens.

STREET PAVING.

The improvement of our streets has become a necessity. To pave generally means that we must reduce the cost as low as possible. I would recommend that the matter of securing good road material easily accessible to the city be considered at once in order that some permanent scheme of street improvement may be undertaken. I believe that this arrangement can be made.

WATER SUPPLY.

The source of supply dependent upon the Saskatchewan river makes filtration an absolute necessity, and it should be provided at once. Till it becomes necessary to remove the pumping station up river any contamination can be removed by a pipe line conducted above the source of contamination, and this can be done at a small cost.

MARKET BUILDING.

A suitable market building should be erected next year.

CIVIC SERVICE.

I believe in good wages, good men, good work and full value for every dollar expended.

PARKS.

Several small parks situated near to the present centres of population should be secured as soon as opportunity arises, but attention should be paid also to a plan to beautify the city generally.

To keep up with the city's growth means no small rate of progress. I have every confidence in the future of Edmonton and the success of the city's enterprises, but to succeed it is essential that very close attention be given to city business.

I should very greatly appreciate the opportunity of contributing to the further progress of the city, and shall very gladly give my services to that end. I therefore very respectfully request your vote and influence in my favor, and if elected shall leave no stone unturned to promote the welfare and prosperity of the city at large and of all its enterprises.

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A Weekly Tale
of
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This bridge question is a much more serious one than most people imagine. If you want to realize just what it amounts to, go and stand at a busy time of the day on or near the unpretentious structure by which all traffic—foot, horse, electric and steam—passes over the Saskatchewan. That it has not been the scene of a disaster of large proportions up to the present is due to simply the best kind of luck. Five years ago strangers wondered how it was avoided and in the meanwhile the burden has been growing greater and greater. Now we have added an electric railway. We are all glad to get interurban communication, but unless means are taken to protect the public we are very apt to find we have secured the privilege at a severe cost to somebody before long.

It is no uncommon thing to see twenty rigs on the bridge at a time. Sometimes, I am informed, the number goes up to thirty. The roadway is not more than twenty feet wide and with a long freight train or an electric car liable to come along that narrow space at any time, it is hardly to be wondered at that even the drivers who are most accustomed to travelling along that road have a big sigh of relief when the bridge is passed.

I do not want to be an alarmist, but it is better to be one before than after an event. We should worry a little bit now rather than waste time in regrets when some shocking catastrophe has occurred. Is there no danger that a car may become uncoupled as a train on the E. Y. and P. crosses the hill on either side of the river and come tearing down on the crowded bridge? A casual observation leads one to the conclusion that the peril is greater on the Strathcona bank. On the Edmonton side the grade seems to have been arranged better, but it looks quite possible that a car which got a start somewhere beyond Fourth or Fifth street might gather enough momentum by the time it reached the bridge to do the greatest harm. We all know that the uncoupling of cars is a very frequent accident in railroading. The question as to the amount of danger involved in this connection is one for a practical man to decide. I raise it merely that the public may be given some assurance. If the danger is a real one, the precaution should be taken of attaching an engine to the rear of every train.

Additional facilities should of course have been provided long ago, and for the fact that they are lacking the C.P.R., with its high level bridge talk, that the people have finally grown so tired of listening to that they are disposed to pay no more attention to it, is for the most part responsible. Steps will now in all likelihood be taken as soon as possible to satisfy the need of the public quite apart from that railway, but it takes time to build other bridges, and in the meanwhile it is not safe to leave things the way they are at present. I have no technical knowledge on the point and am quite willing to have definite information supplied by those who have, but the suggestion that brackets should be put on the bridge looks reasonable. These would not take a long while to construct, if the bridge would stand them, and the feasibility of the idea should certainly be investigated without delay.

The latest announcement regarding the high level bridge project is that the two cities with the aid of the Provincial Government could erect a separate high-level structure at a cost which would not exceed the amount that those these parties would have put into the C.P.R. scheme, if it had gone through. That such a structure would be very much more satisfactory than a deck under or at the side of the railroad track no one would be apt to dispute. If this latest statement is to be relied on, it makes one marvel why the idea of co-operating with the C.P.R. was ever gone on with. It was reasonable to suppose that one structure would cost a great deal

less than two. The expenses of a double set of piers would be saved, for one thing, which would surely be no small item. If this supposition is correct, it means one of two things: The estimate given to the public this week as to the cost of a separate high level structure is all wrong or the C.P.R., in the figures which it presented as to the cost of a high level deck, was perpetrating an enormous hold-up on the two cities and the government. The railway gave out that the cost would be a certain figure. Was no investigation made to find out whether this estimate was correct or not? Were we to pay whatever the C.P.R. said we should, without finding out whether we were paying a fair share or not? If this is an accurate statement of the situation, it looks as if the railway had what may be described as a genuine snap. I hope that it is true that a separate structure can be built for less than \$200,000. But if that is the case, it involves serious discredit on those who committed us to the partnership idea and we can thank our lucky stars that it did not go through. There is no use crying over spilled milk I suppose, but it is not a comforting thought that here we are confronted with a situation of much inconvenience and danger as result of not having adequate traffic facilities between the cities and the country on the two sides of the river, when we might have realized all that we need if we had gone to work two or three years ago when we first started dickering with the C.P.R. and made our own arrangements.

Other important bridge projects now in the air have to do with securing better means of communication between the Clover Bar country and the two cities. In Strathcona the council is working on a scheme to build a high level structure over Mill Creek which will give easy access to that municipality. The cost, it is said, will be about \$50,000, but the people are evidently prepared to back the project. That it would be the means of taking a great deal of valuable trade to the west side of the river in the absence of better means of travel to Edmonton goes without saying. The wonder is that now anyone comes into Edmonton from Clover Bar who does not positively have to. The road from the foot of the Dowler Hill, followed by the perilous passage across the bridge is one that even the most dauntless must pause before undertaking to travel over. However, a counter move is being made in the form of a petition praying for government aid to a project for a traffic bridge over the river somewhere near the point where the G.T.P. crosses. The Edmonton business men have shown themselves willing to heartily support the project, while the people of Clover Bar are also taking it up most enthusiastically.

Leithbridge has a by-law by which every new building erected on its main street has to be at least two stories high and it is being strictly enforced. Why haven't we such a by-law in Edmonton? What's the use of spending money in making a fine roadway and then allowing miserable little structures to go up alongside it.

Mayor Duggan of Strathcona has been given the honor of re-election by acclamation. It is well-deserved. He has been a good citizen, knows Strathcona's problems very thoroughly and stands for no faction.

Edmonton will have two candidates for the mayoralty and thirteen for the six vacant aldermanic chairs to choose from on Monday. As I said a week ago, I cannot see that there is any particular issue between Ald. Lee and Ald. Bellamy. The closest approach to one is that over the waterworks problem. Ald. Bellamy is anxious to have the city go ahead immediately with the construction of the \$750,000 plant up the river. Ald. Lee is disposed to move more slowly. While recognizing the ultimate need of such a step, he cannot see that it is required immediately and favors installing improvements at the present plant, which will make it serve the purpose for the present. Such an expenditure is, without doubt, one that should be undertaken lightly. We want one of the best as well as one that is quite adequate to our needs. But it looks as if with proper filtration and with a pipe line extended a short distance up the river beyond the possible sources of contamination, as recommended by Ald. Lee, the present plant could be made to do for a while. With the many projects

that are pressing upon the council's attention, the city's resources will be subjected to a considerable strain during the next few years, and it will be advisable to launch out on new expenditure with great care. I do not mean to suggest that we should lose sight of the future. It is because of other connections that there is so much necessity for keeping this in view, that I want to see expenditure restricted as much as possible to schemes that will involve great loss, if there is delay in taking them up.

Otherwise it is simply as men that the electors will have to decide between the majority candidates. Their experience has been very similar. Both have extended business connections. Neither is likely to be a figure-head mayor.

As to the aldermen, I can't see that the field is more than average one. For this reason it seems to me that when a real first-class man is offering himself, we should see to it that he is placed at the top of the poll. I referred at length last week to Ald. Fraser, an exceptional qualification, and I don't think there should be any doubt about his having a seat at the council next year. The other candidates, who have been addressing meetings in various parts of the city and have thus given the electors a chance to size them up are: Alexander McSparran, whose experience with municipal life in Scotland, where the principles of public ownership have been given so successful an application, is no small recommendation; J. E. Lundy, D. R. Fraser, J. H. McKinley, Andrew Agar, and A. E. Potter, all well-known business men; Dr. H. L. McInnis, who ranks as a business as well as a professional man; Cameron Anderson, a member of the council for two years back; F. R. Ball and J. Francis, candidates of the labor organization; John Galbraith and Thomas W. Kilgus. In the field for public school trustees are: Gregory Krokosky, W. D. Forrie, H. Allan Grey, G. M. McEwen, M. D. H. Clark, Walter Ramsay, William Robbins.

The personalities that have crept into the campaign will do no one any good. They are too suggestive of politics in a down east village rather than in one of the most important municipalities in the Dominion.

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work—and her devoted associates, may see the result of their unselfish labors.

At least one jolly tea has taken place since last we went to press. Mrs. John McIntosh entertaining in delightful fashion at the social hour on Saturday afternoon, when her guest list included Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fraser, the guest of honor.

The drawing-room, made beautiful and fragrant with great bunches of mums, looked very cheery and inviting as the guests trooped in from the frosty air without doors, and callers lingered late over the cups in pleasant intercourse with the hostess and her sister.

Mrs. McIntosh was wearing a beautiful lace robe, with garniture of Duchess lace, and Miss McLean was prettily frocked in a dainty Empire gown of white Liberty silk.

Out in the tea room, Mrs. Ewing and Mrs. Davidson poured tea and coffee at a table, beautifully arranged with crimson roses, on a Chiny lace center-piece, scattered with their lovely petals. At a side table, made bright with more crimson bouquets, Mrs. Alan Fraser served the tea, while candle lights shined in the same cheery tone, beamed a soft radiance on the pretty scene.

Mrs. Harwood, Miss Scott and Miss Jackson were the three indefatigable assistants.

From Santa Barbara I hear that Mr. and Mrs. John Sommerville and their family are already in the new home by the sea, and are luxuriating in its beautiful, balmy climate, its roses and delicious growing things. A description of one of the "beauty" spots in its environs recently visited, is so good that next week I am going to share it with you.

Miss Dorothy Sommerville is still in Seattle visiting her sister and will remain there until after Christmas.

This week I have the pleasure of announcing two successful young Edmonton lawyers' engagements: that of Mr. T. H. Harrison, elsewhere, and Mr. Wilfrid Harrison of the law firm of Henwood and Harrison, to Miss Rosa A. Forney, instructor in Modern Languages in the State University at Moscow, Idaho, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Forney, the wedding to take place on Dec. 28th.

The intelligence of Mr. Harrison's good fortune will doubtless be received with a sigh of relief by his many friends in the Capital, all of whom have been unable to figure out how such an otherwise acute young man could be so long blind to his own interests, as to remain in single blessedness, while his friends, one by one dropped from him, to swell the ranks of the happy Benedicts.

That all good fortune and happiness may follow him and his bride-

to-be, will be the wish of all those who know him, not only in Edmonton, but away north in Dawson, where he was a popular government official a few years ago.

Mrs. Claude Gallinger receives for the first time on Thursday and Friday afternoons of this week at her residence, 404 Fourth street, and afterwards on the second Thursday.

Mrs. R. V. Bellamy will receive for the first time on Friday at her apartments in the Wize block.

Mrs. J. M. Bolton and Mrs. S. E. Bolton will not receive this month or again until the third Tuesday in February.

Peggy

One of the best little things in a Christmas greeting booklet is now on the market full of the latest pictures of Edmonton. It is very neatly bound and decorated with tinsel and holly. Little's are selling dozens of them at 25 cents. Many customers take twelve at once.

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When all the house is still as death,
And I lie wakin',
There comes a rattlin' at the door,
A vanished step up the floor;
I lie an' scarce can draw my breath,
Wakin', wakin'.

Es et the ghosts, that come an' go
When vake es sleepin',
Of those who toiled an' sorrowed
here,
Long zimec' es et et you, ma dear,
Come home to me? I do not know—
Weepin', weepin'.

Zumtimes I watch up' the shore
The boats come hom'ard,
I count 'em as they come to view:
Oh God, there's always wan too few!
Wan boat that cometh nevermore—
Home'ard, home'ard.

I veel zo lonezome dru the day,
Zo weary waitin';
But night-times I'm my little room,
There's I the zilence an' the gloom—
You dawns't zim quite zo far away,
Waitin', waitin'.

When all the house es dumb an' drear,
And I lie wakin',
Es et a callin' 'o the sea,
Or es et you that calls to me?—
The door is on the latch, ma dear,
And I lie wakin'.

—From West-County Verses by
Arthur L. Salmon.

AVESTING AND CALLING
A few months ago I ran a woman's protest in these columns against the silly practice of paying "tea" calls, and at the same time added a word or two of my own on the time-wasting operation the whole system of paying these "two by one" visits had developed into.

Any woman who has any special work outside the home on her hands, will appreciate "why" I wrote as I did; "not that I loved visiting less but the return visits more."

Under one's own roof tree, except under the most unusual circumstances, it is almost invariably possible to sandwich in a little chat—but to have to fuss around for half an hour making preparations to go out, to spend the afternoons of practically the entire week in hobnobbing in and out of one's friend's doorways, and the nights in bemoaning the really necessary work left undone as a consequence, didn't, and doesn't seem to me, worth while.

The old, old cry, "So much to do, so little done," which has sounded insistently at the close of so many of the world's workers' lives, is coming home earlier to us of the present generation.

Despite the giddiness and emptiness of existence in the metropolitan "smart sets," living generally is reaching up to a higher plane, and the very people who used to frivol and play at life are voluntarily taking up its responsibilities.

But then again I wouldn't give up visits and visiting under any consideration; what I would abolish, if I could, is the senseless practice of "calling."

"How'd you do?"
"Take tea? One lump or two? Cold or hot?"
Go out.

What's the use anyway?

In Italy and France visiting is done, for the most part, in the evening. Then husbands and wives, the kiddies in bed, and the work of the day over, go on visiting together, as the Lord intended they should, or he wouldn't have put Eve in the Garden to be a companion for the Father of his kind.

You and I are not so young but that we can remember the delightful long summer or winter evenings "back home," when out in the garden, on the verandah or round a cheery crackling fire some neighboring families dropped in for a chat, and a good old-time night followed. Excellent stories, some music, jolly games of cards or skill, with an under-current of prime recipes for jam-making and your grandfather and mine "having it out" on the political issues of the day. Always there would be one odd youngster or two poring over a recently acquired book on the hearth-rug, in front of the grate, or roaming with adventurous knights and ladies by the soft light of a lamp in a distant corner of the shadowy "parlor."

Look back and ask yourself, could I, or you, give up visiting as we remember it. But how many of us spend such evenings now? How often if Mrs. Jones runs over for a "moment" does Mr. Jones need to pany her? Jones, dear boy, is at his club, at lodge, or, comprehension term! down-town on business. It remains for the wife of his host to seek her own entertainment. If man was not meant to live alone, no more was woman, and yet so far as the average wife is concerned, having mealtime, how much does she see of her husband or does she enter into his pursuits?

I know houses by the dozen where the husband leans about as much relation to the life of the home as

a man who hangs up his hat three times a day, hands over what cash he can, and some that he can't afford to, lies down for rest at night, and is off to the old grind again in the morning, could reasonably be expected to. He has the privilege of keeping the wolf from the door, and for the rest doesn't count. Sometimes he is himself to blame for these conditions, more often he is just quietly shunted. If you asked him if he wouldn't enjoy entering into the little happy happenings of the family circle, if he wouldn't like to accompany his wife, for instance, over to Smith's for a short visit, he would most probably tell you he wasn't much on hanging around where women were gossiping, but the bottom of the matter is he was never encouraged to share his wife's friends and diversions.

And so in single harness, he with his friends, she with hers, some poor unfortunate, with no one, they wander, or drag along, in life, missing that deep sympathy and mutual help, that joys and sorrows, friends and interests shared in common, invariably bring.

It isn't less visiting we want, but more of it. More of the right kind. More nice old friendly gatherings, more "mixed" assemblings of men and women who are congenial and on the best sense, "friendly." More informal evenings, when the women take their "work," and the men their pipes, when extravagant suppers are the rare occasions, and a good old-fashioned cookie, apples or some such simple fare would furnish all the refreshment necessary.

And then again I wouldn't do away with afternoon visiting—not by any means, but I would confine it for the most part to people one honestly likes, not just tolerated. Listen to what a clever woman writing on the same subject has to say of it:

"However, the over-worked city man or woman may dread an afternoon visitation, the visit remains our most purely ethical point of contact with our kind. The spirit has moved me to seek Martha—she of the shining dish dinner parties. I have found her at home, the cheeriest denizen of the cheeriest den I know. I find her in a long room with a wide bay window, sitting by her fire, marking towels! That means she has time, has perhaps an answering desire for good "crack." In the windows her yellow jonquils and purple Roman hyacinths, blooming like mad, just as if there were no blizzard howling through the blank deserted street. I have brought my knitting, not to be shamed by her industry. We spread our sail to the idle winds of talk.

To-day there is no advice to ask or give; we drift idly hither and thither on the chance currents of vagrant thoughts. We speak of the last novel, of Martha's newest recipe discovered in an ancient notebook of her great-aunt Tabitha, of the incomprehensible behavior of A. of Shakespeare, of Bernard Shaw, of how Fanny's baby cut her first tooth. The visit, being unexpected and unpremeditated, has a certain subtle charm, difficult to put into words, the charm of l'imprevue, the unforeseen. There was no reason for me to call, no duty on either side; I took the chance, gambled for that price less thing, an hour of purely disinterested talk with a person deeply sympathetic to me. Both were surprised when the maid came to light the lamps; darkness was upon us; it was time for me to go.

"In the country, where there is more time than in town, visiting counts for more. In a small New Hampshire village, where I pass part of every summer, lives my friend and neighbor, Mrs. Rustica. What splendid visits I have with her on her back piazza, a sort of kitchen porch. I never find her idle—there are always peas to shell, or beans to pick over, or a patch to put into the well-worn breeches of Farmer Rusticus. Sometimes she is making butter in the most casual manner. A small stand erects up in her knees; with a tablespoon Neighbor Rustica stirs the cream till golden flakes begin to float in the yellow liquid. When the butter comes it is time for me to go, what follows, the washing out of the buttermilk and pressing the butterpats, needs her undivided attention. Till that crisis I am welcome to give and take of our conversation means something for us both. I hear the news of the farm: 'Last night a fox carried off four young turkeys; this morning there is a new calf in the cow-barn; yesterday Flora Temple cast a shoe.' HE has taken her to the blacksmith's." Can she be as much interested in my news as I am in hers? I don't count visits with Mrs. Rustica. She cannot walk as far as my house; I can walk to hers; I know I am welcome, though my visits will not be returned. The tables are turned on me. I, who have raged and fretted at the devastator of my busy city moments, when I am "scrabbling" to get a little work

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The Government Elevator Proposition

Premier Rutherford Returns from
Regina. What the Farmers of
the Three Provinces Asked.

Premier Rutherford returned to
Edmonton on Monday last week
from the interprovincial grain
growers' conference at Regina, the
Premiers of Saskatchewan and Mani-
toba also being present.

"There was nothing more to be said
other than what has appeared in the
press," said Premier Rutherford
when asked as to the result of the
conference. "The sessions were held
in the city hall, one during the after-
noon and the other commencing at
8 o'clock p.m. and finishing consi-
derably after midnight. The whole
proposition was talked over at
considerable length and at its close
assurance was given that the matter
would be given most serious consid-
eration."

"Did not the grain growers ex-
pect a definite reply before leaving
the city," the premier was asked.
"The question is of great impor-
tance to them," was the reply, "but
I do not think they expected that the
governments of any of the provin-
ces would commit themselves to an
undertaking without careful investi-
gation."

THE FARMERS' DEMANDS.
The demands of the Grain Grow-
ers' associations and the Alberta
Farmers' Association were presented
in the form of the following docu-
ment:

1. That the government provide
by purchase or construction or both
at each railway point where any
considerable quantity of grain is
marketed, elevator facilities with up-
to date equipment for cleaning,
weighing and loading grain, that
these facilities for the most part be
sub-divided into bins of 1,000 bushels
capacity, and that the system be
operated by the government direct,
or through a commission appointed
for that purpose.

2. That the minimum capacity
required at each shipping point will
be approximately one-third of the
quantity annually marketed there.
This whole amount need not, how-
ever, be provided at the outset,
but the storage structure should be
arranged as to admit easily of
additions and extension as necessity
demands.

3. That the charges for handling
and storing grain be such as to pro-
vide interest on amount invested
and cost of maintenance, and
provision for gradual payment of
initial cost.

4. That a certain per cent of the
storage (not to exceed 25 per cent),
should be at the disposal of buyers
of street grain.

5. That two or more farmers be
granted the privilege of jointly
occupying a bin.

ADVANTAGES TO BE SECURED.

1. Advantages without the co-
operation of the Dominion govern-
ment:

(a) The abuses incident to the
storage facilities being in the hands
of those interested in the purchase
and sale of grain would be abolished,
such as improper grading, the giv-
ing of light weight, the taking of
excessive dockage, the substituting
of grain of inferior quality for that
specially binned by the farmer.
(b) Adequate facilities for the
cleaning of grain to grade re-
quirements before shipment, retain-
ing to the farmers a large amount
of screenings valuable for feeding
purposes, increasing their chances
of obtaining higher grades when
grain was inspected and saving them
from the payment of freight charges
on screenings from point of ship-
ment to the terminals.

(c) Dockage would be no longer
a matter of guess work. The
farmer would be credited with his
exact amount of cleaned grain and
permitted to retain his screenings,
which often times include valuable
grains of various kinds as well as
weed seeds having a high feed value.

THE SAVING POSSIBLE.

The following facts illustrate the
saving possible in this connection.
It is estimated that the 70 millions
of wheat of the crop of 1906
inspected, contained 2 per cent, or
1,400,000 bushels of screenings,
averaging in worth 1-2¢ per lb., and
which cost the farmer on an average
10 cents per bushel in freight
charges owing to his inability to
have his grain cleaned before ship-
ment. These two items represent a
loss of \$60,000 to the farmers of
the west, which will occur every
year with additions until abolished
by the establishment of a govern-
ment storage system equipped with
proper cleaning apparatus. The
above amount would pay the inter-
est on a sum sufficient to create the
storage system asked for and to pro-
vide a sinking fund which would
liquidate the cost within a reason-
able number of years.

THE GRAIN BEING WEIGHED INTO CARS

by a government official having no
interest therein, will facilitate the
collection of claims for shortage
from the railway companies.

PRESERVATION OF IDENTITY

OF GRAIN.

(d) The preservation of the
identity of grain in special bins
under the custody of government
officials will make possible the estab-
lishment of a sample market which
will largely correct the injustice
incident to a grading system, when
climate conditions make it impos-
sible for the grade description to
classify grain according to its
intrinsic value. For example a
slight blanching suffered by a large
percentage of the wheat the year
before last condemned millions of
bushels having the essential qualities
of One Hard to be graded as Two
Northern, making the price four
cents per bushel less than it should
have been and occasioning an enor-
mous loss to the producers. Also
this year, owing to the general frost
the grading system operated to
group types of wheat together in
the same bin having in many cases
a difference in value of twenty cents
a bushel.

(e) The having of storage facil-
ities in the interior under govern-
ment supervision would make it
possible to send samples to be
displayed on the sample market in
advance of shipment. This would
permit the grain to be exhibited for
a number of days without expense to
the owner and also permit of the
grain being sold for shipment, either
east or west of the point loaded.

(f) With the building of the
Hudson Bay railway will come a
still greater advantage in interior
storage as grain in the interior will
have the choice of two routes and
two markets, while grain sent in
to the terminals before being sold
will have only one.

(g) The presence of government
storage facilities that could be used
by buyers who are not owners
of elevators would place them in
a position to compete on
even terms thus preventing a
monopoly of the market by elevator
owners, and tending to keep street
and track prices near together.

2. Advantages with the co-opera-
tion of the Dominion government:
The complete plan of the grain
growers contemplates the passage of
an amendment to the Inspection and
Weighing Act that would permit the
operator of a provincial elevator to
discharge the functions of a Domi-
nion weighman and sampler and the
granting of weight and grade cer-
tificates, the grading to be done by
the inspection staff at Winnipeg us-
ing the samples of the contents of
the special bins forwarded by the
elevator operators.

To the Electors of the City of Edmonton

At the request of a large number
of electors I have consented to be-
come a candidate for the Aldermanic
Board of 1909.

Underneath are some of the issues
which will receive my support if I
am elected:

No. 1.—FIRE LIMITS BYLAW:
There are many dangers connected
with the violation of the Fire Limits
Bylaw, and I maintain it is the duty
of the civic authorities of this city
to enforce the said law. At the
same time I advocate a rigid en-
quiry into the matter and if for the
welfare of the city it is found neces-
sary to make certain modifications
then the new law should run along
lines that will not antagonize insur-
ance underwriters or become a
menace to public property. Should
the present method of ignoring the
law be continued, the inevitable re-
sult will be an increased fire
insurance rate and this increase will
come as a heavy burden upon many
of the citizens. If I am elected to
the Aldermanic Board I will do all I
possibly can to protect the com-
munity in this respect.

No. 2.—PUBLIC UTILITIES: I
advocate a system of public tender. No
orders for work or supplies for
which the estimated amount exceeds
a certain stipulated sum should be
let without competition. This
method, while securing the best
prices possible would prevent any
misunderstanding among business
men and contractors.

No. 3.—PUBLIC UTILITIES: I
believe in the principle of muni-
cipal ownership of all public utilities.
I would advocate a continuance of
the energetic and progressive policy

of the City Council of 1908 relative
to street improvements, sewer and
water extensions and the better
lighting of all our city streets.

No. 4.—MARKET BUILDINGS: I
consider that a suitable market
building is a public necessity, and
that the council of 1909 should
assume this undertaking. With
reference to this matter I would
advocate special improvements on
the principal streets leading from
the country to the market.

No. 5.—WATER SUPPLIES: The
health of this city being a para-
mount question, the proper filtration
of the water supply is an absolute
necessity and I believe that the in-
coming Council should immediately
move in this direction.

No. 6.—STREET CAR SYSTEM:
The introduction of the street car
system is of inestimable benefit to
the citizens and if properly managed
will give a handsome yearly reve-
nue and I recommend an increased
service as soon as the results show
this feasible.

The above are the outstanding
points of public interest at the
present time but during the coming
year there will be many questions
of vital import that brought before
the Council, Board and in asking the
Citizens of Edmonton for their
support at the coming elections, I
pledge myself if chosen as an Alder-
man to give the city my best atten-
tion and under all circumstances to
protect the interests of the com-
munity.

Yours truly,

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SELLING
ARE THESE

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Square Mink Muffs, made from six skins, very dark, trimmed with six heads and six tails across bottom, lined with heavy brown satin. Regular price, \$60.00 each. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, \$45.00

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Mink Ties made from two first class quality skins, wide ends, lined with heavy brown satin. Reg. Price, \$25.00. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, \$20.00

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Women's Flannelette Night Gowns, made of good quality flannelette in neat patterns. Mother Hubbard style, finished around neck, front and on sleeves with frill, all sizes. Reg. price, 85c each. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, 65c.

Pre-Xmas Sale Prices on Trunks

Brass bound, double strapped Trunks, iron covered bottoms, well stayed with hardwood slats, stand lots of hard usage, 30 in. to 36 in. Regular price, 10.50 each. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, \$6.95

A Snap in Leather Suit Cases

Strong Leather Suit Cases, brass locks and clasps steel frames, canvas lined, inside straps, sizes 20 in. to 26 in. Reg. price 7.00 each. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, \$4.95

Dress Goods at Half Price

32 in. Fancy Stripe Coating Tweed. A good weight all wool cloth in very neat patterns. Reg. price 1.25 yd.

OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, 62 1-2c.

38 in. all Pure Wool Tweed in desirable patterns. Seasonable weight. Reg. Price, 1.35 yd.

OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, 67 1-2c.

36 in. Fancy Diagonal Tweed, pure wool and in neat patterns. Reg. price, 1.50 yd. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, 75c.

A \$4.25 White Wool Blanket \$2.75 pr.

White Wool Blankets, pure wool, nice soft finish, red and blue borders, 60 in. x 80 in., weight 4 pounds. Reg. price, 4.25 per pair. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, \$2.75

Comforters, saten covered, good patterns and colors, full sizes, 72 in. x 72 in. Reg. price 2.50 each.

OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, \$1.75

Feather Pillows in large size, weight 3 lbs., art. saten covered. Reg. Price, 3.50 yd. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, \$2.00

52.50 Mink Neck Furs at \$39

Mink Neck Furs, made with fine whole skins, two mink heads and ten tails, double fur collar, a very handsome fur. Regular price \$52.50 each. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, \$39.00

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Mink Neck Furs, double fur, 50 inches long, trimmed with two heads and six tails. Lovely dark prime skins. Regular price \$45.00. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, \$35.00

\$45 Mink Stoles selling at \$35 each

Look Before You Buy

Russet Apples, \$1.40 a Box

We were able to buy a snap for cash shipment of choice Russet Apples, usual price, 2.00 per box. Our Pre-Xmas price while they last—\$1.40

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Royal Crown or Golden West Laundry Soap

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During Sale 8 Bars for 25c

We have just opened our Toy Dept. on the Second Floor with a very Large Stock of the very latest in Toys

\$75 Squirrel Lined Opera Cloaks During Sale \$65

Ladies' Squirrel Lined Opera Cloaks in braided loose fitting style, superior quality, broad cloth shell in fawn shade, white Thibet collars, full length. Reg. price, \$75.00. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, \$65.00

Ladies' Opera Cloaks in all shades, first quality broadcloth, lined with Merve satin, also interlined, popular styles in all sizes and lengths. Reg. prices, \$80.00. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, \$30.00

\$40 Beaver and Broadcloth Coats \$30

Ladies' Heavy Beaver and Broadcloth Coats, all colors and sizes in tight-fitting, semi-fitting and loose-fitting style. Reg. price 40.00. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, \$30.00

15c English and Canadian Prints 10c a Yard

English and Canadian Prints, full 32 in. wide, soft finish, without any dressing, fast washing colors, large assortment of patterns, regular price 15c per yd. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, 10c

French Wrappettes in nice soft finish, choice patterns and colors, good width. Reg. 12c, and 15c, yd. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, 9 1-2c.

\$20 Alaska Sable Ruffs at \$16

Alaska Sable Ruffs, very wide collar effect, trimmed with four heads and four tails, nice fine silky sable. Reg. price, 20.00. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, \$16.00

2000 Alaska Sable Muffs to match at 15.00

Grey Squirrel Stoles 18.50 Values at 13.50

Grey Squirrel Stoles, 50 in. to 54 in. long very dark heavy fur, lined with grey satin. Reg. Price, 18.50. OUR PRE-XMAS SALE PRICE, \$13.50

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The Mirror

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done, have become the spendthrift of time!"

If only people would take to calling in such pleasant fashion, what a delightful occupation it could be made, but will they?

Where the Shops Beckon

I was out doing a round of the shops today to get some idea of what Santa was preparing for on against Christmas Day in the morning, and in the course of my peregrinations ran across Silas' alluring Oriental Trading Store, the window of which, with its Japanese curios of silver and ivory, long silk work panels, china, bric-a-brac and fine drawn work, beckoned a not-to-be-disregarded invitation to an exploratory trip within doors.

Silas has always been one of the temptation shops to me, personally. I like to wander in and study the wonderfully carved little silver trinkets; to admire the exquisite hand-embroidered linens, to peer into old nooks and corners and unearth fascinating odd pieces for curio cabinets, and learn a bit of the patience and delicacy of workmanship required of those master little craftsmen in the Land of Cherry Blossoms, in order to evolve the exquisitely fine results, noticeable in even their choicest and most costly. Just at present the shop is filled to overflowing with every variety of offering for the holiday trade. There are beautifully carved and sweet-smelling camphor-wood boxes, designed for handkerchiefs and glove receptacles; these range in price from six to seven dollars and a half. Again there are hand-carved Canton blackwood brackets, that form handsome wall furnishings, and at the same time serve the dual purpose of exhibiting one's choice bits of china and other ornaments. These are marked at eight dollars, and are very reasonable at that. An assortment of Japanese gongs, one of which would delight any woman's heart, vary from \$1.75 to \$5.

In drawn-work and embroidered linens the choice is almost unlimited. Prices start at thirty cents for dainty doilies and mount gradually up until they reach \$30 for an exquisite bed spread. But in between and ranging around two and three dollars, are lovely centre

pieces, cushions, five o'clock tea cloths, and a dozen other charming articles that would make most acceptable gifts for the Christmas season.

While this store doesn't pretend to go in on a very extensive scale for furniture, there are some attractive lacquered tables on view, some rattan chairs at most reasonable figures, and some large rattan work-baskets on stands that came at \$4 and which I am pretty sure are nowhere else obtainable in town.

Not least among the tempting display of articles I particularly admired, were some fascinating little silver charms, suitable for a curio table or a bangle on a chain or bracelet. They came in the most distracting variety of shapes. Wee hats, violins, tiny sedan chairs; these sell for the very modest sum of 75 cents, while some silver and gilt bangles at one, two and three dollars are reasonable value. It had almost slipped my mind to tell you of the new colored lithograph and silk work panels that had just arrived a day or so previous. Some of these were really beautiful. The silk ones, a number of which were quite a yard and more long, and twenty four inches wide, were of course, quite expensive; but others could be had for \$2.50, and as a novel adjunct to wall adornment should have a ready sale.

Then there were Kimonos in cotton crepe, short and long, starting at \$2.50 to lovely silk padded bath robes at \$12, the quaintest Japanese baby dolls, beginning at 50c up to \$5; the prettiest Jap lanterns and strings of Christmas paper decorations from 15c to 50c; Jap. Christmas cards, porcelain ornaments, Satsuma and Chinoiserie ware in every shape and size and so many other temptations to lure the pennies from one's pocket. And of course you saw of Silas' surely any one receiving a gift from this popular shop on Christmas morning, must be almost bound in common decency to be satisfied.

And of course you saw of Silas' exceptional offer. With every \$1 purchase a ticket will be issued entitling the purchaser to a chance for the following absolutely free prizes to be drawn for on Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, at eight o'clock. The first prize is a handsome toilet, the second a large rattan chair, the third a silver card case, hand wrought, and two cups and saucers, the fourth a centre-piece and six small centre-pieces, while the fifth is a lacquered silk embossed photo album.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pageant of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and cry
A Stand-by!

Mrs. Bulven will not receive again on her regular reception day until further notice.

A marriage has been arranged between Robert Dolphin, 718 of Edmonton, second son of T. F. D. L., ex-M.P. of the The Heath, Claremont, Ireland, and Eugenie, only child of Mr. H. Pagnuelo, of St. Hyacinthe, P.Q.

A cable from Mr. W. C. Christie of Kellinball, Yorkshire, England, received on Wednesday last announces the death of his wife, Eglantine, daughter of Mr. Joseph Limoges, of High River, a young lady well-known throughout Southern Alberta.

The marriage took place in Broadway Methodist Church, Winnipeg, on Nov. 30 of Miss Florence Annie Bull of Hawthorne Lodge, "Brampton, Ontario, to Mr. William Loraine Gibson, manager of the Bank of Commerce at Red Deer. Mr. Gibson has many friends throughout the province who will join in warmest congratulations. He was one of the ushers at the marriage of Mr. Milton Martin to Miss Beck in Edmonton last July. Precious to taking charge at Red Deer he was a member of the bank staff in Dawson City. He is a nephew of Hon. J. M. Gibson, lieutenant-governor of Ontario.

The death occurred in Brantford last week of Mr. Thomas M. Usher, who a year or so ago was accountant of the Edmonton branch of the Bank of Commerce. He was ill while stationed in Edmonton and never fully recovered.

On Nov. 24 a most successful fancy dress ball was given in Medicine Hat under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Barnabas church. The prizes were carried off by Miss Frances Bureau as "Harold Nelson's Leading Lady" and Mr. Donovan as "La. the poor Indian."

At Waskason Villa, Red Deer, last week the marriage took place of Miss Ethel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wallace to Mr. A. Hartwell Illsey, a prominent merchant of that town.

A very pretty but quiet wedding

ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dalton, Fourth street, on Wednesday evening, December 10, by his sister, Miss Margaret Patterson was united in marriage to J. I. Moore, of the firm of Kelly and Moore, of this city. The bride wore a handsome semi-Empire gown of pale pink silk crepe. The house was artistically decorated for the occasion with pink and white chrysanthemums and smilax. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will make their home at 397 Fraser Ave.

"Westward Ho" Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire have undertaken to purchase a sun of horses to be kept solely for the use of the city ambulance, as in the case of fire, when the horses would be engaged, the ambulance could not respond to a call. As the demand for its use has become so great and given such good satisfaction, the Chapter feel the horses have now become a necessity. Any contributions to this fund will be gratefully received by the Regent, Mrs. T. M. Turnbull, or the secretary, Mrs. A. F. Ewing. The following contributions acknowledged with thanks: M. H. MacLeod, Esq., general manager C.N.R., \$25; Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, \$10; Cushing Bros. Co. Ltd., \$10; W. H. Clark and Co., Ltd., \$10.

The World and His Wife have made another quiet week of it at the Capital. Beyond skating and a few quiet affairs Christmas shopping and home keeping have had it all their own way. A nice way to when one has small folks to plan for, and preparations to make for home-bound kiddies who have been away at schools and colleges during the year. On Monday of course there was a flutter for the formal opening of the Creche, everybody seeming interested in contributing at least one small "pound" to the new-born little children. Such kindly pounds as they were too! Tea and coffee and sugar, jam and oatmeal, to say nothing of a little red and cradle, a wheel-and-chair, linen and infants' clothes, pillows and a hundred other pounds that no baby need object to.

Surely the quality of charity or love is not strained.

"It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven, Upon the place beneath, It is twice blessed, It blesseth him who gives and him who takes."

Such was the main idea that Mrs. Bulven, in what I heard was an

admirable little speech, laid stress on in her formal opening of the home. "Giving is living," someone interpreted her words. If so, how true indeed it is! In the Provincial Capital, the majority of people are "living," not merely rusting away.

So many kindly things as one learns of in the course of the week. Such interest and love as drifts one's way in times of sickness and necessity! Young hearts are loving spontaneous ones the world over, and despite the tales of our greed and love of driving keen bargains, out West, in this young country, we still know how to keep our youthful impulses.

On Tuesday, thanks to the kindly offices of a friend and a fine little nag, I had the pleasure of a peep at the Creche. A comfortable airy

house, spick and span in freshly papered walls, a warm scrupulously clean play-room with a long table and tiny chairs, and toys all ready for little fingers. A room off this is doubtless destined for the dining-room when things are in working order, and upstairs are bedrooms and a big, newly-fitted up bathroom. Two or three times a week a doctor will inspect the home to see that none of the inmates are endangering the health, one of the other, and everything possible has been thought of to make the home a healthy, cheery place for the children. It is to be hoped that the interest in this excellent institution will continue, that showers of blessings and necessities will keep on pouring down—and that Mrs. Cauley, the prime mover in the

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